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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON V-E DAY, PORTUGAL,
SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL ARNOLD KALININ SPOKE INFORMALLY TO PRESS MAY 7 AS PART OF SOVIET'S V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS. FOR MOST PART HIS REMARKS CONSISTED OF STANDARD SOVIET FARE ON DEFEAT OF "HITLERITE FASCISM," PLUS ROUTINE PLUG FOR CSCE.

2. KALININ LINKED THE CURRENT SITUATION IN PORTUGAL WITH RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, CLAIMING THAT "THE VICTORY OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE AND ITS CHOICE OF A PATH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM (AND) THE GREAT VICTORIES OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA OVER THE FORCES IN IMPERIALISM" PROVE THAT THE CORRELATION OF FORCES HAS DECISIVELY SHIFTED IN FAVOR OF SOCIALISM. INTER ALIA, KALININ ALSO CITED THE MILITARY POWER OF
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THE WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM IN THIS REGARD. HE REPORTEDLY MADE

NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES IN HIS REMARKS ABOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO PORTUGAL, KALININ SAID THAT SOVIETS WERE FOLLOWING SYMPATHETICALLY THE SUCCESSES OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE IN DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL OF THE COUNTRY AND IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST REACTIONARY CONSPIRACIES. "WE DECISIVELY CONDEMN ANY ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN PORTUGUESE MATTERS AND WE WELCOME THE COHESION OF ALL OF ITS PROGRESSIVE, REVOLUTIONARY, AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES."

4. CENTERPIECE OF SOVIET-INSPIRED ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WILL COME EVENING MAY 8 AT LOCAL THEATER. PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES IS SCHEDULED TO BE MAIN SPEAKER.

5. COMMENT:KALININ IS NORMALLY CONFIDENT AND COCKY. HIS REFERENCE TO BLOC MILITARY POWER IS INDICATIVE OF HIS AGGRESSIVENESS.
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